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- (S) Hydrazone derivatives, their preparation and use.
- A method of treatment with compounds having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^NR^V$ wherein R^V and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)-NH_2$:

R² is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may b substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho

and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, $SO_2NR''R'''$ wherein R'' and R''' independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

 R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 independently are hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl; or R^6 and R^7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl, and R^4 and R^5 have the meanings set forth above;

or R^4 and R^5 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl, and R^6 and R^7 have the meanings set forth above.

Certain of the compounds are novel.

The compounds and pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds are useful in the treatment of central nervous system disorders and especially conditions sensitive to excitatory amino acids.

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Object of the Invention

It is an object of the present invention to provide novel isatine hydrazone compounds which are useful in the treatment of diseases in mammals, including a human, and especially in the treatment of diseases which can be treated by antagonizing an excitatory amino acid of such mammal.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a method of treating disorders in mammals, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic and aspartic acid receptors which comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof a compound of the invention.

A third object of the present invention is to provide novel pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of disorders in mammals, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic and aspartic acid receptors.

Background of the Invention

Excessive excitation by neurotransmitters can cause the degeneration and death of neurons. It is believed that this degeneration is in part mediated by the excitotoxic actions of the excitatory amino acids (EAA) glutamate and aspartate at the Nmethyl-D-aspartate (NMDA), the α-amino-3hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazole propionic (AMPA) receptor, and the kainate receptor. This excitotoxic action is responsible for the loss os neurons in cerebrovascular disorders such as cerebral ischemia or cerebral infarction resulting from a range of conditions, such as thromboembolic or haemorrhagic stroke, cerebral vasospasm, hypoglycaemia, cardiac arrest, status epilepticus, perinatal asphyxia, anoxia such as from drowning, pulmonary surgery and cerebral trauma as well as lathyrism, Alzheimer's, and Huntington's diseases.

The compounds of the present invention may also be useful in the treatment of schizophrenia, parkinsonism, epilepsy, anxiety, pain and drug addiction.

Summary of the Invention

The invention then, inter alia, comprises the following, alon or in combination:

The use of an indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrozone compound having the formula

$$R^{6}$$
 R^{7}
 R^{1}
 R^{0}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{4}
 $N-NH-(SO_{2})_{n}-R^{2}$

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^{V}$ wherein R^{IV} and R^{V} independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C -(= NOH)NH₂;

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF3, NO2, CN, phenyl, or SO2NR"R" wherein R" and R"" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ independently are hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen. C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen. benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; or R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl, and R4 and R5 have the meanings set forth above;

or R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl, and R⁶ and R⁷ have the meanings set forth above, for the preparation of a medicament useful in the treatment of disorders of a mammal, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic or aspartic receptors.

the use as above wherein at least one of R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ or R⁷ is an electron withdrawing substituent such as NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², or halogen and R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹¹, and R¹² otherwise have the meanings set forth in claim 1,

the use as first above wherein R⁵ is NO₂, F, CF₃,

a pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of disorders of a mammal, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic or aspartic acid receptors, comprising an effective glutamic or

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aspartic acid receptor blocking amount of a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^{V}$ wherein R^{IV} and R^{V} independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C -(= NOH)NH₂:

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF3, NO2, CN, phenyl, or SO2NR"R" wherein R" and R"" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; R4, R5 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-5alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; and R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R6, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-6-alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF₃, or SO₂NR¹¹R¹² wherein R¹¹ and R¹² independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

C₁₋₆-alkyl; and R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁵ and R⁷ together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring,

a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^V$ wherein R^V and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C -(= NOH)NH₂;

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF3, NO2, CN, phenyl, or SO2NR"R" wherein R" and R" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; R4, R5 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C16alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; and R6 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl, or R6, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-6-alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

 C_{1-6} -alkyl; and R^4 and R^5 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁵ and R² together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring,

a compound as above wherein the additional ring formed by R⁶ and R⁷ or R⁴ and R⁶ is substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN or SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl,

55 a compound as abov , which is 8-nitro-1H-4,5,6,7tetrahydrobenz[e]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone,

a compound as abov, which is 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-

tetrahydrobenz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3phenylsulphonylhydrazone,

a compound as above, which is 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydrobenz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-pyridylhydrazone),

a method of preparing a compound having the formula

$$R^{6}$$
 R^{7}
 R^{1}
 R^{6}
 R^{5}
 R^{5}
 R^{4}
 $N-NH-(SO_{2})_{n}-R^{2}$

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted.

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^V$ wherein R^{IV} and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C -(= NOH)NH₂;

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF3, NO2, CN, phenyl, or SO2NR"R" wherein R" and R" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; R4, R5 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-6alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; and R6 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently ar hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R6, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-6-alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

C₁₋₆-alkyl; and R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring,

comprising the step of reacting a compound of the

formula

$$\mathbb{R}^6$$
 \mathbb{R}^7
 \mathbb{R}^1
 \mathbb{R}^6
 \mathbb{R}^5
 \mathbb{R}^4
 \mathbb{R}^0

wherein R¹, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ have the meanings set forth above, with a compound having the formula H₂N-MH-(SO₂)_nR², wherein R² and n have the meanings set forth above,

a method of preparing a pharmaceutical preparation comprising mixing as active ingredient an effective amount of a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

R¹ is hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl which may be branched, C₃₋₇-cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^{V}$ wherein R^{IV} and R^{V} independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C -(= NOH)NH₂:

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF3, NO2, CN, phenyl, or SO₂NR"R"' wherein R" and R"" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl; R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷ independently are hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen. benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R6 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl, and R4 and R5 hav the meanings set forth abov ;

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or R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl, and R⁶ and R⁷ have the meanings set forth above, with at least one pharmaceutical acceptable carrier and/or diluent,

a method of treating disorders of a mammal, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic or aspartic acid receptors, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof an effective excitatory amino acid blocking amount of an indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrazone compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1:

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted,

acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CON^{IV}R^V$ wherein R^{IV} and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or CH_2C - $(=NOH)NH_2$;

R2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF₃, MO₂, CN, phenyl, or SO2NR"R" wherein R" and R" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl; R4, R5, R6, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R6 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, MO2, CF3, CN, SO₂ NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl, and R4 and R5 hav the meanings set forth above:

or R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may b aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl,

or C_{1-6} -alkyl, and R^{6} and R^{7} have the meanings set forth above.

the method as above wherein at least one of R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ or R⁷ is an electron withdrawing substituent such as NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², or halogen and R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹¹, and R¹² otherwis have the meanings set forth above.

the method as above wherein R^5 is NO_2 , F, CF_3 , or CN,

the method as above, wherein the compound is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition thereof, in which it is present together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

5 Biological Activity

The compounds of the invention exhibit valuable biological properties because of their strong excitatory amino acid (EAA) (glycine, glutamate, quisqualate, ATPA (α-amino-3-hydroxy-5-t-butylisoxazole-4-propionic acid), AMPA (α-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methylisoxazole-4-propionic acid), kainate, NMDA (M-methyl-D-aspartate)) antagonizing properties.

Compounds of the invention show potent affinity for the glutamate subreceptor binding sites for kainate, NMDA, quisqualate and glycine. Thes properties make the compounds useful in the treatment of human malfunctions related to the excitatory amino acids (EAA).

Compounds of the invention exhibit binding at the 3 H-kainate, NMDA, 3 H-AMPA and/or 3 H-glycine binding sites with IC $_{50}$ in the range of 1-100 μ M. Examples of such compounds are for example

Z,E-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone,

Z,E-1H-5-nitro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone,

E-5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone).

Z-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2,4-

dinitrophenylhydrazone), Z-5,7-dinitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-

phenylhydrazone,

5 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3- dione-3-phenylsulphonehydrazide, 5,9-dinitro-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-

phenylsulphonehydrazide.

The quisqualate binding assay was performed as described by T. Honoré et al., Meuroscienc Letters 54, 27-32 (1985).

The kainate binding assay was performed as described by T. Honoré et al., Neuroscience Letters 65, 47-52 (1986).

The glycine binding assay was performed as described by W. Frost White et al., Journal of Meurochemistry 53(2), 503-512 (1989).

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Pharmaceutical Compositions

The compounds of the invention, together with a conventional adjuvant, carrier, or diluent, may be placed into the form of pharmaceutical compositions and unit dosages thereof, and in such form may be employed as solids, such as tablets or filled capsules, or liquids such as solutions, suspensions, emulsions, elixirs, or capsules filled with the same, all for oral use, in the form of suppositories for rectal administration; or in the form of sterile injectable solutions for parenteral (including subcutaneous) use. Such pharmaceutical compositions and unit dosage forms thereof may comprise conventional ingredients in conventional proportions, with or without additional active compounds or principles, and such unit dosage forms may contain any suitable effective amount of the active ingredient commensurate with the intended daily dosage range to be employed. Tablets containing ten (10) milligrams of active ingredients or, more broadly, 0.1 to one hundred (100) milligrams, per tablet, are accordingly suitable representative unit dosage forms.

Method of Treating

The compounds of this invention are extremely useful in the treatment of central nervous system disorders related to their biological activity. The compounds of this invention may accordingly be administered to a subject, including a human, in need of treatment, alleviation, or elimination of an indication associated with the biological activity of the compounds. This includes especially excitatory amino acid dependent psychosis, excitatory amino acid dependent anoxia, excitatory amino acid dependent ischemia, excitatory amino acid dependent convulsions and excitatory amino acid dependent migraine. Suitable dosage ranges are 0.1 to 1000 milligrams daily, 10-500 milligrams daily, and especially 30-100 milligrams daily, dependent as usual upon the exact mode of administration, form in which administered, the indication toward which the administration is directed, the subject involved and the body weight of the subject involved, and further the preference and experience of the physician or v terinarian in charge.

Chemical Examples

Some compounds of the invention are old, and others are novel chemical entities. In any-way the compounds of the invention may be prepared according to chemical methods which are well known for a person skilled in the art.

Example 1

a) 1-phenyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione.

To a stirred solution of diphenylamine (3.2 g, 20 mmol) and 4-dimethylaminopyridine (10 mg) in chloroform (50 ml) was dropwise added oxalylchloride (3 ml). The resulting mixture was refluxed for 5 hours, whereafter it was cooled to room temperature and evaporated in vacuo.

The residue (oil) was redissolved in methylene chloride (50 ml) and dry AlCl₃ (3 g) was added. Stirring at room temperature was continued for 30 hours, whereafter ethanol (10 ml) followed by water (100 ml) were added. The organic phase was washed with saturated Na₂ CO₃, dried over Na₂ SO₄ and evaporated. The crystalline residue was stirred in ether (40 ml) and the product was filtered off. Yield: 2.65 g orange crystals, M.p. 139-141 °C, litt. 138 °C. b) The following 1H-indole-2,3-diones were prepared according to known literature procedures.

1)Organic Synthesis Col Vol. I p. 327.

²⁾Martinet, J.: Compt. Rend. 166, 851, 1918.

4,6-ditrifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione¹⁾, M.p. 162-165 ° C.

1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione²⁾, M.p. 242-245 ° C.

7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione¹⁾, M.p. 181-183 ° C.

1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 224-226 °C.

6-methoxy-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. >310 ° C.

7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 180-184 ° C.

 c) 1-methyl-5-nitro-7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione.

To a stirred 10°C warm solution of KNO₃ - (0.5 g) in 10 ml of conc. H₂SO₄ was dropwise added a solution of 1-methyl-7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione in 10 ml of conc. H₂SO₄. The addition was completed after 10 min, whereafter stirring was continued for 15 min at room temperature. The reaction mixture was poured on ice whereby the title compound precipitated as yellow crystals. The crystals were collected by filtration and washed with water. M.p. 168-169°C.

In a similar manner to c), the following nitro compounds were prepared:

5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 232-236 °C.

5-nitro-1-methyl-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 255-258 °C.

d) 5,7-dinitro-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione.

To a stirred solution of 5,7-dinitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione (1.2 g) in dry dimethylformamide (20 ml) was added sodium hydride (0.24 g 55% in mineral oil). After the hydrogen evolution had ceased methyl iodide (0.37 ml) was added. Stir-

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ring at room temperature was continued for 2 hours, whereafter the crude product was precipitated as an oil by addition of water (100 ml) to the reaction mixture. The oil crystallized upon treatment with ether/pentane, M.p. 154-157°C.

In a similar manner to d), the following 1-alkyl- or 1-benzyl-1H-indole-2,3-diones were prepared.

5,7-dinitro-1-ethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 135-140 ° C.

5-bromo-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 157-160 ° C.

1H-1-methyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 157-160°C.

5,7-dibromo-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 170-173 °C.

5,6-dichloro-1-methyi-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 180-184 ° C.

4,5-dichloro-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 237-239 °C.

1-methyl-5-nitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 196-199 °C.

1-benzyl-5,7-dinitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 127-131 ° C.

4,6-ditrifluoromethyl-1-methyl-1H-indole, M.p. 93-94 ° C.

1-methyl-7-trifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 120-122 °C.

6-methoxy-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 175-178° C.

5,7-dinitro-1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1H-indole-2,3-dione, (oil).

1-methyl-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 122-126 ° C.

1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 115-119 °C.

5,7-dibromo-1-(ethoxycarbonylmethyl)-1H-indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 97-102 °C.

1-methyl-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydrobenz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. 160-165 °C.

e) 5-dimethylsulfamoyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione.

10 g (68 mmol) isatin was added to 30 ml of chlorosulfonic acid at 30 °C for 30 minutes and was thereafter poured dropwise onto ice. A crude material was obtained (14.5 g). 7 g of this crude material was added to dimethylamine in water and ethyl acetate. This reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1 hour and the organic phase was evaporated to yield and oil which was stirred with 1N hydrochloric acid in hot ethyl acetate. This mixture was extracted with ethyl acetat , which was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was recrystallized from ethanol. Yield of th title compound 550 mg, M.p. 265-266 °C.

In a similar manner th following compounds wer prepared: 5-sulfamoyl-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, M.p. >350 ° C.

Example 2

E-5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone)

0.5 g (2 mmol) of 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione, 0.34 g (2.2 mmol) 2-nitrophenylhydrazin and 2 drops of 1N HCI were dissolved in 15 ml of methanol and the mixture was stirred at room temperature for 30 minutes. The precipitate was isolated by filtration. The crude reaction product consisted of a mixture of the two isomers (Z and E forms) of the title compound. The title compound was obtained by washing the crude reaction product with tetrahydrofuran (THF) due to different solubility of the E and Z isomer in THF. Yield 350 mg of the title compound. M.p. > 350 °C.

In similar way the following compounds were prepared from the appropriate isatine and hydrazine or sulphonehydrazide compounds. The Z and E isomers were obtained by utilizing their different solubility in THF. Furthermore an E isomer may be transformed into a Z isomer by heating in THF.

Z,E-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone, M.p. 288-290 °C.

E-1H-5,7-dinitro-1-methyl-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone), M.p. 320-321 °C.

Z-1-phenyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone), M.p. 191-194 °C.

E-1-phenyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone), M.p. 206-210 ° C.

Z/E-5-nitro-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone, M.p. 294-295 °C.

Z-5-nitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-

phenylhydrazone, M.p. 279-281 °C.

Z-5,7-dinitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone, M.p. 301-302 ° C.

Z-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2,4-

dinitrophenylhydrazone), M.p. 344-348 °C.

Z-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylhydrazone, M.p. 203-205 ° C.

E-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-

nitrophenylhydrazone), M.p. 288-291 °C.

5,9-dinitro-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylsulphonylhydrazone, M.p. 144-146 ° C.

5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylsulphonylhydrazone, M.p. 173

175 ° C.

5-nitro-1H-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-phenylsulphonylhydrazone, M.p. 195-198 °C.

5,7-dinitro-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3phenylsulphonylhydrazone, M.p. 200-202 ° C.

Example 3

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The following compounds as E, Z or E/Z isomers are prepared according to the same procedure as given in example 2 by combinations of different isatine derivatives and hydrazines.

5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3dione-3-(2-pyridylhydrazone), 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3dione-3-(4-fluorophenylhydrazone), 1H-5,7-dinitro-indole-2,3-dione-3-(4sulfamoylphenylhydrazone), 7-CF3-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone), 4,6-ditrifluoromethyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone), 1-methyl-5-nitro-7-trifluoromethyl-1H-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone), 5,6-dicloro-1-methyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2pyridylhydrazone), 5-dimethylsulfamoyl-1H-indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone), 7-sulfamoyl-8-nitro-benz[e]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenylhydrazone), 8-nitro-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benz[e]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2-nitrophenylhydrazone), 7-sulfamoyl-8-nitro-benz[e]indole-2,3-dione-3phenylsulphonylhydrazone, 8-sulfamoyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benz[e]indole-2,3dione-3-phenylsulphonylhydrazone.

It is thus seen that the present invention provides a new and convenient process for the production of indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrazone compounds, certain novel indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrazone compounds which are useful as excitatory amino acid antagonists, pharmaceutical-compositions useful as excitatory amino acid antagonists comprising certain indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrazone compounds. and a method of antagonizing the biological effects of excitatory amino acids in a subject in need thereof comprising the step of administering certain indole2,3-dione-3-hydrazone compounds or a pharmaceutical composition comprising the same together with a pharmaceuticallyacceptable diluent or carrier, all having the foregoing characteristics and advantages.

It is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the exact details of operation, or to the exact methods, procedures, or embodiments shown and described, as obvious modifications and equivalents will be apparent to one skilled in the art, and the invention is therefore to be limited only by the full scope of the appended claims.

Claims

 The use of an indole-2,3-dione-3-hydrozone compound having th formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

R¹ is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted, acyl, hydroxy, C $_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R¹ is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^NR^V$ wherein R^N and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)NH_2$;

 R^2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, or $SO_2NR''R'''$ wherein R'' and R''' independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

 R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 independently are hydrogen, $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl}$ which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, $C_{1-6}\text{-alkoxy},\ NO_2$, CN, CF_3, or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl};$ or R^6 and R^7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3, CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl},$ and R^4 and R^5 have the meanings set forth above;

or R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

 C_{1-6} -alkyl, and R^6 and R^7 have the meanings set forth above, for the preparation of a medicament useful in the treatment of disorders of a mammal, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic or aspartic receptors.

2. The use according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ or R⁷ is an electron withdrawing substituent such as NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹¹R¹², or halogen and R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R¹¹, and R¹² otherwise have th meanings set forth in claim 1.

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- Th us according to claim 1 wherein R⁵ is NO₂, F, CF₃, or CN.
- 4. A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of disorders of a mammal, including a human, responsive to the blockade of glutamic or aspartic acid receptors, comprising an effective glutamic or aspartic acid receptor blocking amount of a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted, acyl, hydroxy, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^NR^V$ wherein R^N and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)NH_2$;

 R^2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, or $SO_2NR"R"$ wherein R" and R" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

R4, R5 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, NO₂, CN, CF₃, or SO₂NR¹¹R¹² wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; and R5 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO2NR13R14 wherein R13 and R14 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R5, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C₁₋₆-alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 indep idently are hydrogen, benzvl. or

C₁₋₆-alkyl; and R⁴ and R⁵ togeth r form an additional 4 to 8 m mbered carbocyclic ring which may b aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂,

 CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring.

5. A compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted, acyl, hydroxy, C $_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^V$ wherein R^V and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)NH_2$;

 R^2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, or $SO_2NR"R"$ wherein R" and R" independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

R4, R5 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; and R6 and R7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO2, CF3, CN, SO2NR13R14 wherein R13 and R14 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C1-6-alkyl; or R6, R7 independently are hydrogen, C1-6-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C1-6-alkoxy, NO2, CN, CF3, or SO2NR11R12 wherein R11 and R12 independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

C₁₋₆-alkyl; and R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may b aromatic or partial saturated and which may b substituted with halogen, NO₂,

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 CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently ar hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring.

- 6. A compound according to claim 5 wherein the additional ring formed by R⁶ and R⁷ or R⁴ and R⁵ is substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN or SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C₁₋₆-alkyl.
- A compound of Claim 5, which is 8-nitro-1H-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-benz[e]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2nitrophenyl hydrazone.
- A compound of Claim 5, which is 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3phenylsulphonylhydrazone.
- A compound of Claim 5, which is 5-nitro-1H-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-benz[g]indole-2,3-dione-3-(2pyridylhydrazone).
- A method of preparing a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted, acyl, hydroxy, C $_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, CH_2CO_2R' wherein R' is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^{IV}R^{V}$ wherein R^{IV} and R^{V} independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)NH_2$;

 R^2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, or $SO_2NR''R'''$ wherein R'' and R''' independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

R⁴, R⁵ independ ntly ar hydrogen, C₁₋₆-alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen,

 C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl; and R^6 and R^7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl; or R^6 , R^7 independently are hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, C_{1-6} -alkoxy, NO_2 , CN, CF_3 , or $SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

 C_{1-6} -alkyl; and R^4 and R^5 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , CN, $SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

and R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ are not all hydrogen when R² is unsubstituted phenyl and R⁶ and R⁷ together form an additional unsubstituted benzo ring,

comprising the step of reacting a compound of the formula

wherein R¹, R⁴, R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ have the meanings set forth above, with a compound having the formula H₂N-NH-(SO₂)_nR², wherein R² and n have the meanings set forth above.

11. A method of preparing a pharmaceutical preparation comprising mixing as active ingredient an effective amount of a compound having the formula

wherein

n is 0 or 1;

 R^1 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, C_{3-7} -cycloalkyl, benzyl, phenyl which may be substituted, acyl, hydroxy, C $_{1-6}$ -alkoxy, $CH_2CO_2R^1$ wherein R^1 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl which may be branched, CH_2CN , $CH_2CONR^NR^V$ wherein R^N and R^V independently are hydrogen or C_{1-6} -alkyl, or $CH_2C(=NOH)NH_2$;

 R^2 is pyridyl or phenyl, both of which may be substituted one or more times preferably in the ortho and para positions with halogen, CF_3 , NO_2 , CN, phenyl, or $SO_2NR''R'''$ wherein R'' and R''' independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or C_{1-6} -alkyl;

 $R^4,\ R^5,\ R^6,\ R^7$ independently are hydrogen, $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl}$ which may be branched, phenyl, halogen, $C_{1-6}\text{-alkoxy},\ NO_2,\ CN,\ CF_3,\ or\ SO_2NR^{11}R^{12}$ wherein R^{11} and R^{12} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl};$ or R^6 and R^7 together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO_2 , CF_3 , $CN,\ SO_2NR^{13}R^{14}$ wherein R^{13} and R^{14} independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or $C_{1-6}\text{-alkyl},$ and R^4 and R^5 have the meanings set forth above;

or R⁴ and R⁵ together form an additional 4 to 8 membered carbocyclic ring which may be aromatic or partial saturated and which may be substituted with halogen, NO₂, CF₃, CN, SO₂NR¹³R¹⁴ wherein R¹³ and R¹⁴ independently are hydrogen, benzyl, or

 C_{1-6} -alkyl, and R^6 and R^7 have the meanings set forth above with at least one pharmaceutical acceptable carrier and/or diluent.

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